

## The Messenger.

## THE DEATH OF A FRIEND

We are unwilling to let the opportunity pass without writing briefly concerning our departed brother and friend, Charles F. Bell, whose earthly journey ended on Saturday, "the Day Spring from on High." Owing to our own misfortune on the 9th inst., we were unable to visit him during his sickness, and could not be with him in his closing hours. He was unquestionably one of the truest, most devoted friends we had in this city. We have been quite close to him for a decade in personal friendship and Christian ties of fellowship and affection. We think we know the man; we are sure we know the Christian, the humble disciple of the crucified and risen Lord. In the last decade or so we were confident we have been with him in an hundred meetings—in class, in prayer meetings, not counting the regular services of the sanctuary. The last meeting but one in which we were with him, was at a class meeting in a private home on Castle street. He had come nearly a mile to be with us in the services, and his testimony was like all he gave, full of scriptural vitality, full of humility and love, and with firm trust in Salvation through Christ. He was an earnest sincere believer, looking unto God the author and finisher of his faith. He was really, as his pastor, whom he so much admired and loved, as we know, said of him in his touching and "he was peculiarly spiritual and gifted in prayer." He prayed with as much true unctiousness and impressiveness as any layman of our acquaintance. We were often impressed profoundly with the fervor, appropriateness and moving power of his supplications and prayers to our Heavenly Father. He often visited his pastor at his study. We learn that on Sunday Mr. McClure mentioned these visits, their reading together the Scriptures, and the visits always closing with prayer. Mr. Bell was a man of good sense, of sound judgment, of strictest integrity—a perpendicular, honest, straight forward, genuine man without deception or guile, frank, open, courageous, true in all his friendships. An excellent man has gone to his reward. We have held with him many familiar talks about religion and the blessed home beyond, and we doubt not his spirit is at rest in the mansions of the blest. May God bless and provide for his children and grand children, and may they emulate his example of Christian activity, consecration and fidelity, and at last receive the Christian's reward from the munificent and tender hand of the Almighty Giver of every good and perfect gift.

## A GROWING DEFICIT

The certainty that for some time—perhaps for one or two or three years—the Dingley-McKinley high robber tax cannot bring in enough revenues to carry on the government is hardly to be questioned. Dingley would like for his party and credulous northern democrats to believe that his robber scheme will do the work for which he and others planned to have it do, but failure is certain and belief hard to exercise. That the robber tariff of the republican gang is a deficit-producing scheme, The Messenger has often asserted and essayed to show. So far as the passing of the days relieving the new robber schedules of failure to raise sufficient revenues, it becomes more certain that of all previous tariff measures the new one is the worst, both as to enormity of taxation and incapacity to produce revenue. It stands at the head and it is hoped will be the high mark of the robber principle, through all the coming ages. The robber set up for business on the 24th of July last. It has been at work over five months. For the first six months of 1897, the deficit was \$22,036,526. Of this period, McKinley was in office four months. It is believed that the first six months of the robber tariff will reach quite \$25,000,000 in deficiency. If so, McKinley's first year will close with more than \$40,000,000 added to the indebtedness of the United States. Expenditures have steadily run ahead of revenues since the new tariff started operations. It is now published that the actual deficit to the 30th of November, for the current year, is \$48,000,000. What a prodigious humbug and fraud is the McKinley-Dingley robber tax, and what a venal party is the party of the robbers.

## THE PENSION BURDEN

There are two very important things The Messenger would like to see the congress undertake: to cut down and reconstruct the vile, rascally pension rolls, and to reduce the government expenditures by not less than \$100,000,000 for the first year, and \$150,000,000 for the second year. The politicians will not do it, the newspapers will not generally favor it, and unless the people demand it, there is no prospect of its ever being done. And yet it is a positive necessity and is thoroughly practicable. A congress and a cabinet of genuine reformers and determined economists could and would do this. The robberies perpetrated under the present scheme of pension inquiry The Messenger has sought again and again to reveal. The New York Sun, a paper we do not trust, but able, now training with the republicans, having completely

abandoned all pretense of being slightly democratic, calls the pension taxes "robbing the nation." It is a pillaging system, and plunders the south largely. It tells its readers that it has examined the rolls and finds 40,000 rascally suckers who are draining the blood of the people who have no right to be on the pension rolls. As the Messenger has before stated, there are hundreds of applicants now, although the total roll is already very nearly 1,000,000. The Sun gives the applicants at 578,000. That too, over thirty two years since the war closed. The Sun gives the figures that will refresh the memory if not new to our readers. It shows that in 1873 there were only 238,411 names on the pension rolls; at the present time, in spite of the havoc which death has wrought, there are 976,014 names on the pension rolls. In 1873 the amount of pension money paid out of the government's treasury aggregated only \$26,502,528; at the present time it aggregates the enormous sum of \$139,949,717, and still there is no immediate prospect of its diminishing. In fact the next fiscal year will require more than \$144,000,000 to meet the suckers. The sum paid for pensions alone is more than two-thirds of the war debt of 1865. It has already reached the enormous figures of \$2,178,755,269. Here are the figures of the Sun to show how the pensions have grown as we recede more and more from the war—a fact that shows both fraud and demagoguery. The republican party is responsible for the robberies and oppressions under the abominable plundering system:

NUMBER OF PENSIONERS.	
1883.....	303,658
1884.....	322,756
1885.....	345,125
1886.....	365,783
1887.....	400,907
1888.....	452,557
1889.....	489,725
1890.....	537,944
1891.....	576,160
1892.....	616,068
1893.....	666,012
1894.....	698,544
1895.....	770,524
1896.....	870,678
1897.....	976,014

The Messenger has been fighting these frauds and rascalities for years. It has again and again sought to make them odious and patent in so far as it could do so. It has more than once shown how greatly in excess of all other pensions known the system in this country had become under corrupt republican connivance and practice. It has before shown how much the pensions of the United States exceed the war expenses of European monarchies. The Sun gives this to show how the present expenditures in pensions exceed most other nations in their war costs:

Great Britain.....	\$ 87,408,944
Germany.....	110,187,020
France.....	118,291,430
Italy.....	51,778,040
Russia.....	176,842,600
Austria.....	67,336,255
Pensions in the U. S.....	144,268,880

## THE STATE IN THE HANDS OF A MOB

Since the colony of North Carolina became an independent, sovereign state nothing so disgraceful has occurred within its borders as the high-handed outrage perpetrated in the capital town by the present governor, placed in his high and responsible place by a combination of radicals, deceived populists and the ready tools of demagogues, the black and tan allies. If ever a state has been humiliated and defamed it is North Carolina, and by the bold usurpation and bravado spirit and turbulent course of Daniel L. Russell. He has disgraced himself, and brought great reproach upon the good name of the state. His conduct on last Friday night was most outrageous and indefensible. It had in it a defiance of law, of usage, of decency, and showed an anarchic purpose and spirit unworthy of any official, much less of the highest functionary in a great commonwealth. He openly defies law, authority and the decision of the supreme court of his country, and in the darkness of night, shielded from public observation, he causes or connives at or authorizes or agrees to, which ever may be the right term to describe his action, a deed performed that was as palpably wrong and infamous as was ever perpetrated by a sneak thief robbing a hen-coop.

The action of Governor Russell and his own appointees as railroad commissioners will be a tremendous shock to every citizen in the state who has any intelligence, honor, sense of propriety and regard for law and constituted power. If a little obscure official in some county does wrong, invites criticism by his course, how quickly he is scourged by the expressions of popular indignation. If any half equipped pettifogger, accidentally raised to the bench by a strange combination of good and bad elements, bears himself so offensively, conniving at wrong or blustering and bullying, or holding the scale of justice in unrighteousness, how quickly he "catches it" from the outraged public, and richly deserves the castigation. But when the chief executive of a great state, one of the oldest, wantonly, wickedly, defiantly violates the proprieties and restraints of his high office, and sets at naught the decisions of the highest state and national judicial tribunals, and takes unto himself the

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wildest mob law as his shield and instrument of usurpation and violence, how much more does he deserve the burning scourge of every just, upright, law abiding, liberty loving citizen of all races and all callings and all conditions, and how fully he deserves to be scourged by the fierce lashing of conscience and the aroused abhorrence of the offended majesty of the people. If any act was lacking to make a complete revelation and exposure of the "true inwardness," the moving passion and controlling impulses, the ingrained arbitrariness and violent self-will, the burning hatreds and consuming malice, the complete blindness to what is right and proper and orderly and of good report, the utter want of balance and of wisdom and judgment on the part of Russell this last foolish, blundering, wicked escapade of his will finish the picture, put the final seal upon his rejection, and stamp him forever as the most infatuated, insolent, intolerant, bull-headed of governors known to southern history. To find anything in our history remotely comparable to him you must go back into colonial times and in Tryon and some of the other representatives of British misrule and oppression essay to find a parallel. God help a state under such mastership! There is nothing truer as to states than when the wicked rule the people mourn. Inspiration says that "fools despise wisdom and instruction." A man may have a vigorous mind and hate heartily, and yet be devoid of sense, of all wisdom and all love of justice and right.

For a governor to defy law and resort to mob force is a monstrous deed of wickedness. For him and his henchmen to go to work at nearly midnight to break into office by forcing doors is simply a stupendous outrage. It is rendered more so by the fact that the case was in course of transfer to the supreme court of the United States. It is indeed a marvellous display of viciousness and madness for it is high-handed and disorderly—and so out of keeping with an orderly administration of public affairs. The people should not fail to denounce this outrage and to make the most decided, earnest, hottest protest. Public meetings should be held in every county to denounce the fellows guilty of such a gross outrage. A distinguished journalist writing of other things refers to this violence and wrong. He asks: "How can any one condemn lynching and the practice of the mob to violently redress wrongs when such an example of force at midnight is given by high state officers. The same spirit is manifested in both cases." He refers to a recent decision of the state court. "It is," he says "this spectacle of a disorderly administration that I condemn, and since it tends to defame North Carolina, that I deplore."

It is a matter of surprise that Russell should lend himself to such a cause, for he is a man of ability and a lawyer of respectable attainments and no little practice. He understands the legal situation no doubt. He knows that a case can be taken to the United States supreme court from a state whenever a question arises concerning the legality of a law of state, upon the ground that it violates the organic law of the land—the constitution of the United States. He knows the whole process of action in such a case. So when he attempts to anticipate such an action by violence he opens the way for great trouble, and he deserves to be broken of his office. If the next legislature is an intelligent, honest, law abiding body it will probably attend to Russell and his numerous antics and outrages.

Governor Russell is bitter and malicious but he is far from being a legal ignoramus or a political booby. He knows well what he does and he is therefore the man to be condemned, and punished for his misdeeds. He is a sworn officer of the law, and the chief executive of law. He is a nice fellow to set such a turbulent, defiant example of all law. The Raleigh Post asks this and it is altogether pertinent and expressive of the right:

"The governor is sworn to observe the law as well as see that it is properly executed. Did he do this when he advised Messrs. Caldwell and Pearson forcibly to break in the doors of the railroad commission, take possession and occupy the same at a late hour at night, in the face of the action of the chief justice in approving the bond given on the writ of error which acted as a supercedas? The approval of the bond by the chief justice continued the status quo that existed prior to the decision. Is Governor Russell a law unto himself? Does he regard the fact that a majority of the court have said that he is supreme in the control of the railroad commission with right to exercise all the powers of that tribunal and indirectly through appointees who hold by his pleasure, gives him supreme power in all things? Can he condemn mob violence when he himself sets the example? Is there no orderly way by which the action of the chief justice could be reversed. Does not evidence accumulate of the arbitrary, unpatriotic, destructive inclinations of the governor to carry out his partisan purposes regardless of law, reason or justice? A governor was once impeached in North Carolina for conduct no more flagrant than that which characterizes the present governor's actions in these matters."

"Pride goeth before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall." So says the Holy Scriptures. Russell may look out or a lash of scorpions will follow his defiance of civilization and good order.

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## HOME POLICE

We publish a short contribution today relative to the fall of Fort Fisher. It is from an unusually intelligent source, a gentleman of ability and uncommon information. It will be seen that his view confirms what was said briefly in a recent editorial in The Messenger.

A personal friend, a lawyer who served on General Clingman's staff, writes: "I was greatly pleased by your high commendation of his speeches. The opinion you expressed has been echoed by several gentlemen to me since. (And moreover, General Clingman deserves to be praised for having published his speeches. We are poor in such North Carolina literature."

What a tremendous constitutional governor in the Fat Knight of Brunswick. Hear him talking as if he were autocrat of all lands and king of North Carolina. "If Abbott bothers me, I will jump him, too." Verily, he is a tremendous expression of the popular will and a fine example of the chosen chief executive of a sovereign commonwealth where the white folks once ruled in peace and righteousness. Shakespeare, who knew men and almost all things, said long ago, "authority bears a crested bulk." Put emphasis on "bulk" and you have Russell strutting in his "little brief authority" and blowing like Boreas.

"O Place! O Form! How often dost thou, with thy ease, thy habit, Wrench awe from fools."

In North Carolina Russell is without an organ or a party. "His hand will be against every man, and every man's hand against him." Prophetic.

The files of The Messenger will show that it has not wavered in the opinion that the rads and pops will "fuse" again next year. Not all of each party will vote with the incompetent gang who leads to the injury and degradation of North Carolina. Honorable, intelligent, patriotic men in both of these parties will refuse to be a party to further wrong doing, usurpation and injury to the state. They will vote with those who seek to restore order and liberty, and law and just government, and honesty to the ruling power—to save the state from further detriment. But the combine will combine again. Otho Wilson, a pop, trains with the anti-Russells, a little squad of malignants. Loge Harris, Man Friday to Russell, predicts a "fusion." So the white people must get together, train together, fight together and redeem and disenthral this famous and grand old state—North Carolina forever.

## SNAPS.

Two deaths from freezing occurred in Philadelphia on the night of Christmas.

The big newspapers continue to write it "suicides," while the smaller sheets indulge in "executed."

Spain is waxing wroth and the Spanish newspapers seek to bring on a war between Spain and the United States.

A great failure in Massachusetts of a wheel company for nearly a half million in another sign of business struggles in New England.

And this time it is Japan to have a "ministerial crisis." They are as common among nations as colds among children, it looks like. Are they as easily cured?

If the Spanish buzzard should pull out a feather or two from the American eagle's tail there might follow a scream for revenge that might be heard around the world.

Who wishes to spend the winter in Alaska? The thermometer at Skagway on the 17th inst. stood at 70 degrees below zero, and starvation was staring square in the face hundreds of the hungry. A bag of flour in worth more than a gold watch.

The error in a heading in yesterday's Messenger, where Russell is substituted for Russia, was not malapropos if a misprint. It read—"Can defy the world—Russell's strategic move on the China coast." Substitute the "Supreme Court" for the two last words and it is not a misfit.

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## Handkerchiefs.

We have just received a big lot of Xmas Handkerchiefs for the Christmas trade. We have nice embroidered Handkerchiefs at 5, 10, 15 and 25 cts; Silk Handkerchiefs at 15, 25, 35 and 50 cents; Children's Cotton Handkerchiefs at 2, 4 and 5 cents; Ladies' and Gent's Handkerchiefs, hemstitched, at 5 and 10 cents; Linen Handkerchiefs at 25 cents.

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## Capes.

We are selling Silk Plush Capes for next week at \$2.98; our \$5.00 line at \$4.25; our Flannel Fur Trimmed Double Capes, full size, grey, at \$1.25; Black at \$1.50; Velvet Trimmed Beaver

Cloth Capes at \$2.25 and \$2.50. Bead Trimmed, better quality, lovely goods, at \$2.38. We are selling a big lot of Cloaks, of all kinds and at all prices, from \$1.00 to \$5.00.

## Hats and Caps.

Should you need a nice Baby Cap, or Hood, Boy's and Girl's Caps, Men's Hats, Ladies' Hats, before Christmas, come and see us. We have a nice line of new Hats just received, that we can sell from 25, 35 and 50 cents; Sailors, narrow backs, bell crowns, and all kinds. We trim all Hats free when you buy the Hat and material from us.

## Shoes.

Should you need a nice pair of Shoes, come to us. We carry a big stock and can and do, sell the best Ladies' Dongola, Patent Tips, Ladies' Shoe in the city for \$1.00. Men's Calf Skin Shoes, nice stock, at \$2.00 and \$2.50. Russel and Tan, nice Kid Shoes, at \$3.00. Boy's Spring Heel, Dongola Lace Shoes, best goods, at \$1.00 a pair. Men's Brogans, solid, high cut, Cressman's, at 95 cents; low cut, solid Shoes, Brogans, at 75 cents; Pebble Polish, good honest Shoes, at 85 cents. Ladies' very fine Shoes at \$1.50, \$2.00 and \$2.25. A job in Ladies' Shoes, honest goods, small sizes, one pair of a kind, to close, at 50 cents. Now I sold for \$1.00 to \$2.00 a pair, now 50 cents.

## Clothing.

I handle Clothing for everybody, prices to suit. Should you need a new suit, come to us for it. I paid the spot cash for my stock and got the full discount and can and will sell Clothing as cheap and cheaper than anybody. I sell suits from \$3.00 to \$12.00. Boy's suits from 75c to \$3.50; Youth's suits from \$2.50 to \$5.00, sizes from 14 to 19 years old. Underwear for Children, Ladies and Men. Some C.V. Children and Ladies' Union suits to close out, will sell for 25 and 40 cents a suit.

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